

"7 Steps to Enhance the Quality of Temples & Sustain Dharma"

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Mission: Hindu Temples



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service/Karma Yoga, education, worship,
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- 2. Do selfless service - Karma Yoga**
- 3. Worship and Pray**
- 4. Education to build character: Gita, Vedas...**
- 5. Socializing, cultural activities and festivals**
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Today's Problems in Temples

Less focus on the Purpose of the Temple/Dharma:

- 1. Focus on Rituality vs. Spirituality/Knowledge (Today's NEED)**
- 2. Theoretical knowledge vs. practice of Dharma/codes of ethics and character building (memorize verses in Sanskrit, meanings)**
- 3. Self interest vs. Seva (Karma vs. Karma Yoga)**
- 4. Holy Place/Cleanliness: Bath rooms, kitchens, rudeness**
- 5. Un-organized and non-standardized system: Visitors**
- 6. Not much reach out programs to local community**
- 7. Most of the priest are orthodox (Youth)**
- 8. Image of hindu temples in USA????**

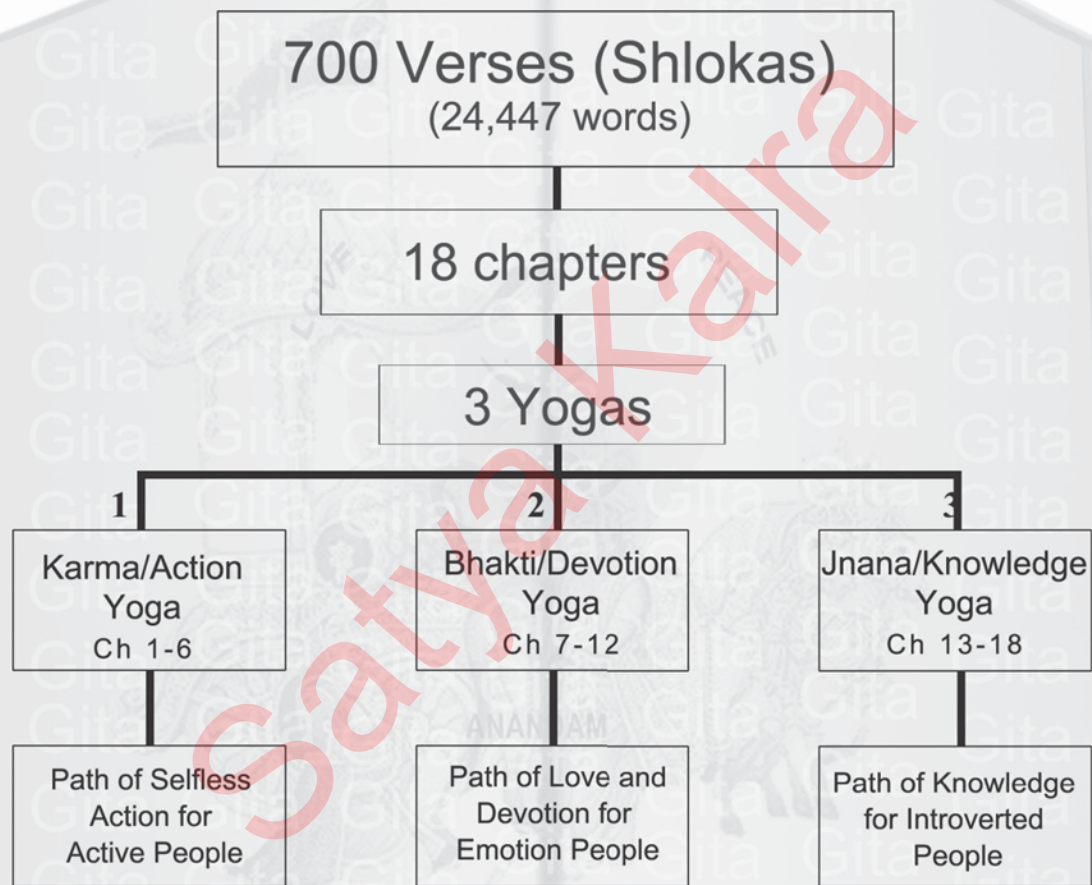
7-Steps: Improve Quality of Temples and Practice Dharma

Focus on the Mission of temples/Dharma/Codes of Ethics/
Practice the teachings of scriptures/Gita's in daily life:

1. Perform rituals but bring Spirituality as well.
2. Selfless service/Seva **Not just name and fame** (K & Bh Y.)
3. Education/Knowledge to build character (J.Y)
 - Practice 8 limbs of Yoga (Asanas, Pranayam, Meditation/Body, Mind & Spirit)
4. Standardize & Organize (cleanliness) the temple system
5. Get more youngsters and youth involve.
6. Activities to meet needs of all 4 hindu ashrams
7. Build the relationship with local community

Establish the real image of Sanatan Dharma,
“Live in Love, Peace and Anandam and let others live as well.”

Bhagavad Gita-The Spiritual Guide



**All the three Yogas lead to the same goal of Liberation
but must be practiced together**

HMEC: For Temples Operation

- 1. Prepare a Standardize Operating Manual for temples and Become source of info**
 - Etiquettes in temples, reception/greeting of the people,
 - Parking lot, tour guides etc.
 - Cleanliness in temples-Kitchens, bath rooms etc.
 - Priest other employee's salary, visa requirements etc.
 - Organized Social Support System (SSS)
 - Community reach out program
- 2. Training workshops to learn how to build/maintain a temple**
- 3. May have local chapters/conferences (Not just national)**
- 4. Bring more Awareness of Sanatan Dharma/temples/to the main stream...**

Summary

1. Make a temple a Spiritual place **NOT** just a ritual place
2. Simple, concise messages
3. Be true Karma Yogi and keep self interest and politics out of temples
4. Encourage youngsters to be part of a temple management
5. Be more adaptive to community and new generation needs-contemporary vs. orthodoxy...
6. Standardize and organize the system

“Unity in Diversity”

Make a Commitment

Be an Arjuna

“Follow your Dharma/Righteousness”



Lord Krishna 's message

How Do I Practice

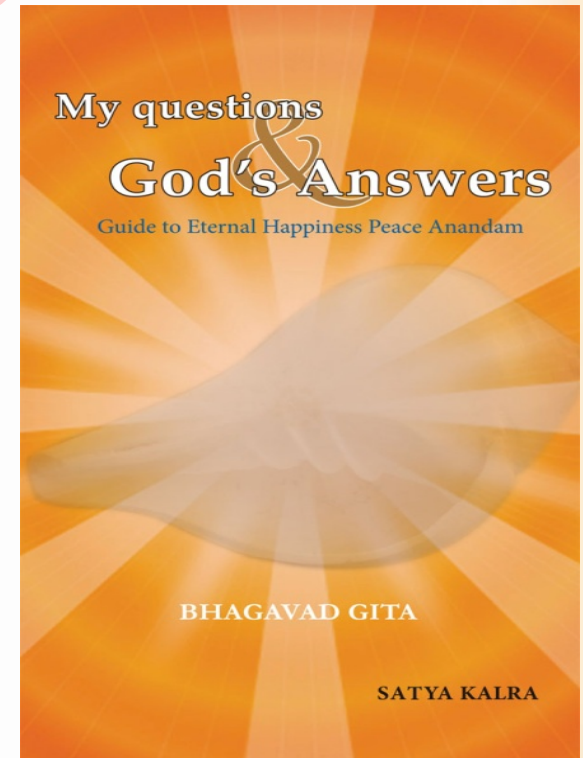
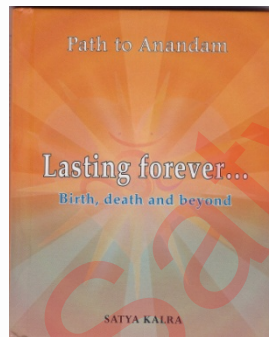
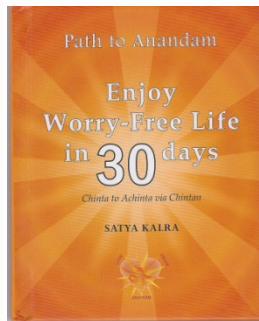
- Preach and Practice Sanatan Dharma
- In Modern and Simple Style
- Give Clear, Concise and **Spirituality** based
- Path To Anandam series (WF 30, LF, PF)
- My Question & God's Answers (**Gita**)

“The most dearest service to Me is to propagate MY Message of Gita?”

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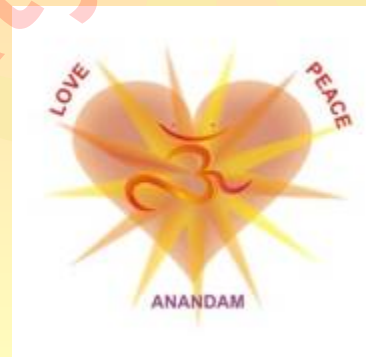
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